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GMT of said selected city and the GMT of a present location of said apparatus, said reference time and said elapsed time; and displaying said calculated local time.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 3, 2000. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 and 12 of the application are pending. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended above to incorporate the recitations of dependent Claims 4 and 10, respectively. Claims 4 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Examiner rejected Claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mardhekar et al. (U.S. Patent 5,528,558) in view of Smolinske (U.S. Patent 5,655,218). (Office Action, paragraph 6.) Thus, this rejection is addressed in the context of amended Claims 1 and 6.

Regarding amended Claim 1, it is the Examiner's position that Mardhekar teaches all of the elements of Claim 1 prior to amendment. As to the recitation "means for acquiring a reference time from a signal received from a remote system", the recitation of former Claim 4, the Examiner asserts that Smolinske discloses a mobile telephone receiving chronological information. (Office Action, paragraph 6.) We disagree. Amended Claim 1 now recites "means for acquiring a reference time from a signal received from a remote system", counting time that elapses, and calculating the local time of a selected city based on the remotely acquired reference time. The user of the present invention can travel with the apparatus to different time zones wherein the apparatus will

receive the reference time of the time zone that the user has traveled into, which, as a result, will automatically adjust the apparatus to enable the correct local time of the selected city to be displayed without further user intervention. This dramatically reduces user intervention. In contrast, by combining Mardhekar and Smolinske, the resulting device is a world time clock with the current chronological information. Neither Mardhekar nor Smolinske, nor a combination thereof result in a world clock that receives current chronological information and uses that information as the reference time of the world clock function. The present invention includes this additional step of "calculating a local time...based on...a present location of said apparatus." If the device resulting from the combination of Mardhekar and Smolinske is relocated into a different time zone, it would display the incorrect time for the selected city without user programming to tell the Mardhekar and Smolinske device what time zone it is in. Neither Mardhekar nor Smolinske, nor a combination thereof, disclose this novel aspect of the present invention, that is, using the time acquired from a remote system as the reference time used to calculate a local time of a selected city based on the present location of the apparatus.

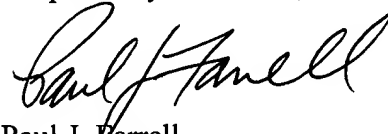
With respect to amended Claim 6, Claim 6 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 10. The Examiner rejected Claim 10 for the same reasons as claim 4, and as such the arguments set forth above for allowing amended Claim 1 (incorporating the recitation of Claim 4) apply to amended Claim 6.

Amended Claims 1 and 6 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 11 and 12, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective

amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 11 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 and 12, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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